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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: VISIT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL LEVI

REF MEXICO 11319, MEXICO 11321

1. AS MENTIONED IN REFTTEL, WE BELIEVE THE DEC. 29
MEETING IN ACAPULCO BETWEEN ATTORNEYS GENERAL LEVI AND
OJEDA PAULLADA PROVIDES US AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY
FOR HIGH LEVEL EXPRESSION OF USG CONCERN OVER THE
COURSE OF THE ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. FOR THIS OCCASION
I PLAN TO BE PRESENT, AS WELL AS TO HAVE AVAILABLE OUR (DEA)
CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR HEATH AND THE EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR,
ALBERTI.

2. WE SUGGEST THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL LEVI CARRY WITH
HIM A VERBAL RPT VERBAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD
IN WHICH THE FOLLOWING POINTS ARE MADE CLEARLY ALBEIT
DIPLOMATICALLY.

A. WE HIGHLY VALUE THE SERIOUS COMMITMENT AND IMPRESSIVE
EFFORTS OF THE GOM AND RECOGNIZE MAGNITUDE OF TASK. HOWEVER,
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THE UNPALATABLE TRUTH IS THAT THE JOB IS STILL NOT BEING

DONE WELL ENOUGH OR FAST ENOUGH AND THAT WE RUN A SERIOUS RISK OF LOSING THE CAMPAIGN. INDEED, AS YET DETERMINED PART OF IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN LOST ALREADY.

B. ONE SERIOUS PROBLEM SEEMS THE INSUFFICIENT COMMITMENT OF MEXICAN ARMY TROOPS TO THE INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN, WHAT CAN WE DO TO FACILITATE THE OPTIMUM NUMBER OF TROOPS IN THE FIELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE? CANNOT MEXICAN ARMY ALSO PROVIDE USE OF SOME OF ITS HELICOPTERS?

C. OJEDA PAULLADA MAY ALLEGE NEED FOR GREATER TROOP-LIFT AND SPRAYING CAPACITY. MR. LEVI MIGHT POINT OUT WE HAVE GIVEN NO LESS THAN SEVENTEEN BELL 212 HELICOPTERS AND ARE DOING WHAT WE CAN TO HELP HIM USE THEM MORE EFFECTIVELY. WE ARE OURSELVES CONCERNED THAT CURRENT UTILIZATION IS DUE TO LATE GOM DECISION TO GO THE SPRAY ROUTE. WE HOPE THAT IN ADDITION TO ATTEMPTING TO GET USE OF MEXICAN ARMY HELICOPTERS, THAT POSSIBILITY OF LEASING COMMERCIAL SPRAYING CRAFT WILL ALSO BE EXPLORED. HE SHOULD ASK WHETHER SPRAY IS STRONG ENOUGH TO ASSURE POPPY DESTRUCTION.

D. MR. LEVI COULD EXPRESS DISTRESS AT REPORTS THAT EVEN MANY OF THOSE FIELDS DESTROYED HAD ALREADY BEEN SCORED AND HARVESTED.

AS HE IS AWARE PERHAPS MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE, BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE PINNING GREAT HOPES ON THIS CAMPAIGN. THE USG EXPECTS AT THE MINIMUM A SIZEABLE REDUCTION IN THE SUPPLY OF MEXICAN HEROIN. IF THIS RESULT IS NOT ACHIEVED THIS YEAR, PRESSURES FROM CONGRESS AND PUBLIC OPINION MAY BECOME INTOLERABLE.

3. ATTORNEY GENERAL LEVI'S VISIT COULD NOT BE MORE OPPORTUNE AND FOR THIS REASON AGAIN RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT CONVERSATION NOT BE LIMITED TO PLEASANT GENERALITIES, OR TO HEARING A NON-STOP EXPOSITION FROM OJEDA (PROBABLY UNAVOIDABLE*) BUT GO TO SPECIFICS AS OUTLINED ABOVE, ACCOMPANIED BY STRESSING THE PERSONAL CONCERN OF PRESIDENT FORD WHICH OJEDA SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT TO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA.

4. IN MY OPINION, THIS APPROACH FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL, IN
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NAME OF PRESIDENT, TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MEXICO, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN, IS A VERY HIGH-LEVEL DEMARCHE IN ITSELF. IT WOULD BE REDUNDANT (AND EVEN COUNTERPRODUCTIVE) TO ACCOMPANY THIS WITH A PARALLEL DEMARCHE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO RABASA, AS I HAVE HEARD RUMORED. THIS MIGHT EVEN BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, AS RABASA, ALREADY UNDER FIRE FOR BEING "A TOOL OF KISSINGER" MIGHT BE IMPELLED TO MAKE UNHELPFUL PUBLIC STATEMENTS ASSERTING HIS MACHO NATIONALISM

(SEE MEXICO 11319, COVERING HIS COMMENTS TO ME ON PROPOSED--
AND ABORTED--KISSINGER LETTER ON PRISONER ISSUE).

5. IN ANY CASE, WE SHOULD ALLOW FOR POSSIBILITY OF
ESCALATING OUR PRESSURES, AND THUS POSSIBLE KISSINGER
COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE KEPT FOR NEXT STAGE.

6. (I AM DUE TO SEE OJEDA PAULLADA IN A FEW MINUTES
MYSELF AND WILL USE THIS VISIT ALSO TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS
RE SLOWNESS OF CAMPAIGN AND WILL REPORT RESULTS, IF
ANY.)
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